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Question:

Please advise on the number of Mainland processing plants supplying chilled beef to Hong Kong, the total quantity of import, the average import price of chilled beef and the number of inspections to the Mainland chilled beef processing plants each year (i.e. from 2011 to 2012) since the introduction of Mainland chilled beef to Hong Kong.

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Reply:

In both 2011 and 2012, there were six Mainland processing plants approved for supplying chilled beef to Hong Kong. The quantity of Mainland chilled beef imported into Hong Kong was about 140 tonnes and 15 tonnes respectively.

According to the Census and Statistics Department, the average import price of Mainland chilled beef in 2011 and 2012 was \$28.2 and \$34.0 per catty respectively.

The number of inspections to the Mainland chilled beef processing plants in 2011 and 2012 was five and one respectively.

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